

# DESERT AIRMAN

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

Friday, Feb. 21, 2003

## Soybeans are not just for eating ...



Staff Sgt. Chris Stagner

Senior Airman Scott "Pujo" Pustejovsky, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, analyzes the new B20 fuel being used on base. The fuel, which consists of 20 percent soy product, is being used in all diesel vehicles operated on Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. The soy-based fuel cuts harmful emission particulates by as much as 47 percent.

## D-M to host Heritage Conference

The Air Combat Command Heritage Conference is scheduled for March 1 and 2 at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

The conference, created in cooperation with the International Council of Airshows in 1997 to celebrate the Air Force's 50th anniversary, allows the public to view vintage warbirds flying alongside modern fighter aircraft. The conference also provides an opportunity for D-M members and their families to see flying operations and witness Air Force history. The viewing area is located on the flight line and can be reached between base operations and the passenger terminal. Those attending should bring lawn chairs but no glass containers or large bags.

The flying members are civilian pilots approved by ACC to fly with

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## First sergeant changes benefit senior NCOs, U.S. Air Force

Air Force officials are touting recent changes made to first sergeant assignments and hope that more senior noncommissioned officers take advantage of what some are calling "the best job I've ever had in the Air Force."

The Air Force converted the career field into a special-duty assignment in October, according to Senior Master Sgt. Chris Anthony, first sergeant special-duty manager at the Pentagon. However, since then, the Air Force is still short 100 first sergeants.

"At first, many shirts were apprehensive about the change," said Senior Master Sgt. Franklin Roznovsky, 355th Logistics Readiness

Squadron first sergeant. "We are all human and it is normal to be critical about change."

Anthony said the recent changes are helping the Air Force fill these critical jobs.

"After I looked at the long-range goals it was apparent this was definitely the best solution for the Air Force and our career field," said Roznovsky.

"A review of the career field was conducted, and it was determined that something needed to be done to make the position more attractive to senior noncommissioned officers," said Anthony. "So far, we've heard nothing but good things about the changes we made."

Most notably, the Air Force made the first sergeant position a three-year special-duty assignment, Anthony said. After two years, the first sergeant can apply to extend for another three-year assignment. Once first sergeants complete their special-duty assignment, they are free to return to their previous career field.

The program, as it was structured, was not meeting Air Force needs, explained Chief Master Sgt. Michael Gilbert, chief of enlisted force development in the Air Force's senior leader management office at the Pentagon.

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### 355th Wing COC shuttle routes

Shuttles for the 355th Wing change of command will run continuously from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. Pick-up locations will be Building 3200, mission support group; Building 5500, operations group; and Building 417, medical group, with a final destination of the 79th Rescue Squadron hangar.



### Inappropriate advertising

**Comment:** I am calling about the wrecked vehicle you have on base to remind people of the hazards of drinking and driving. I want to let someone know that it is in bad taste to put an advertisement for a towing company on a wrecked vehicle which appeared that someone might have lost their life in. It is inappropriate. I agree with reminding people of the hazards of drinking and driving but not posting an advertisement on the car.

**Response:** I agree with you. The vehicle was on loan from a local tow company and someone had written the information for that company on the car to let the people attending our recent Underage Drinking Task Force Safety Day Car and Motorcycle Show know who loaned us the vehicle. The information should have been removed when the vehicle was displayed at the main gate. We will ensure that this doesn't happen again.

### Reserved parking

**Comment:** I understand the need for reserved parking for commanders, but why are there reserved spots for the 355th Wing and 12th Air Force commanders at both the entrance to the officers club and across the street in front of Building 4065? They obviously can't use both spots simultaneously.

**Response:** The parking spaces in front of the officers club are for the 12th Air Force

commander and the 355th Wing commander. The parking spaces in front of the distinguished visitor quarters are for the 12th Air Force command chief master sergeant and 355th Wing command chief master sergeant. When the wing decided to transition to consolidated dining in the officers club, we thought it appropriate to provide reserved spaces to these top noncommissioned officers the same as they had at the enlisted club. We placed them in front of the DVQ at their request so the parking places in the lot adjacent to the officers club could be used by people needing to be physically closer and more convenient than crossing the street.

### Cabanas

**Comment:** I have a quick question regarding the services offered at the indoor Cabanas that just opened. I don't know of a sandwich shop that does not offer oil and vinegar as condiments for their submarine sandwiches. Here at Davis-Monthan, all they offer is creamy Italian dressing. I know I am not the only person who feels this way because several friends and I put this on a survey for new improvements at Cabanas.

**Response:** Thank you for your suggestion. Vinegar and oil are now available at Cabanas. If there is anything else we can do to make your visits to Cabanas more enjoyable, please do not hesitate to call Brenda Freeman, kitchen manager at 228-3100.



**Col. Paul Schafer**  
355th Wing Commander

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people.

Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements.

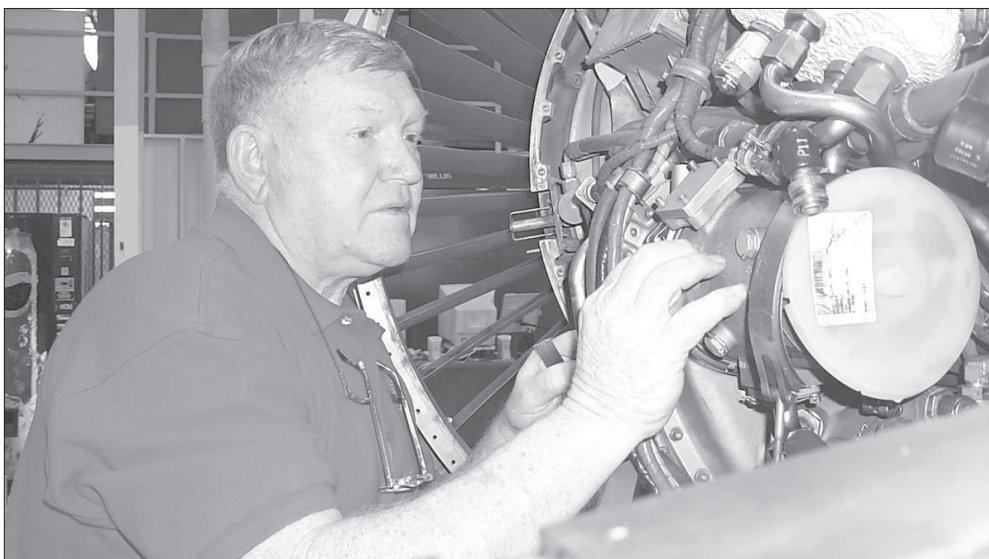
The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to **contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here**. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747.

An e-mail can also be sent to: [355th.Wing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil](mailto:355th.Wing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil).

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Senior Airman Troy Hawkes

Robert Wyatt, Air Force Engineering Technical Services technician, checks a TF34-100A engine's variable geometry actuator. Wyatt's idea has saved \$1.1 million.

## Team D-M Mission Spotlight

The Innovative Development through Employee Awareness Program encourages innovative thinking by both military and civilian members of all ranks to help make changes to everyday work processes. The IDEA Program is designed to provide timely evaluation of ideas by qualified experts utilizing the IDEA Program Data System, to implement adopted ideas, and to recognize personnel with appropriate cash or non-cash awards. For assistance please call Robin Perry, 228-4332.

Robert Wyatt was selected as the Air Combat Command nominee for the 2002 Air Force Productivity Excellence Award for his IDEA submission. His IDEA submission to develop engine lubrication system troubleshooting procedures as well as identifying several engine areas or sumps, which can be flow tested. His idea has prevented premature engine removals and reduced a number of TF34 engines from A-10 aircraft going into TF34 propulsion. Wyatt's idea has saved Davis-Monthan Air Force Base \$1.1 million.

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## Shirt

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"We were more than 120 first sergeants short, which equates to one out of every 10 squadrons without a diamond-wearing first sergeant," Gilbert said. "This meant that about 20,000 airmen and family members (were) not being properly served."

To compound matters, many of the best senior NCOs steered clear of the duty out of a concern for their careers, he said.

"Prior to the change, many senior NCOs felt that if they chose to become a first sergeant they would basically stop their promotion track because they were competing against a small group of highly qualified people," said Chief Master Sgt. Sandra Williams, commandant of the Air Force First Sergeant Academy at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

In the past, very few first sergeants were able to return to their career fields, but those that were allowed to return historically have done very well with promotions, Anthony said.

"Promotion boards have consistently recognized the leadership experience of having led a squadron and taken care of hundreds of people," Gilbert said. "I believe that under the new system, many more top senior NCOs will go into the first sergeant duty, do great things for us and then return to their career fields and do even more great things for our Air Force."

Besides facing tougher promotion rates, many people were also discouraged by just how time consuming the first sergeant job can be, Williams said.

"You have to be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week," she said.

"With the high operations and personnel

tempo over the last several years, many people didn't want to impact their family life any more than necessary by taking on additional responsibilities," Williams added.

"It was a big challenge, but I enjoyed it tremendously," she said. "I have no doubt that the experience I gained as a first sergeant made me the chief that I am today. But the best part of all was the opportunity to help people and to know that I made a positive impact in someone's life."

From counseling grieving families to being the commander's sounding board on enlisted issues, the experience gained by first sergeants is very valuable to the Air Force, Anthony said.

"Senior NCOs should expect progressively more demanding roles as they handle each successive leadership step," Gilbert said. "We don't want a system that routes many of our best enlisted leaders into a dead end."

In many cases, the first sergeant position, as a career field, was doing just that."

When someone became a first sergeant, the career field had to give up one of its sharpest troops, Anthony said.


Although the Air Force, as a whole, gained a valuable asset, the career field was short one future leader.

"As with anything this is not a career field for everyone. It should not be treated as a block-filler to reach a higher rank," said Roznovsky.

The changes to the first sergeant career field will also have a big impact on the airmen in the field.

"In addition to benefiting from having a unit first sergeant, airmen will also enjoy the leadership of some of the Air Force's very best NCOs who are accomplished leaders with diverse backgrounds and experiences," Roznovsky added.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



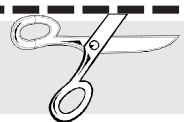
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## News Notes

### Clinic closure

All 355th Medical Group clinics will be closed today, tomorrow, Feb. 26 and 27 for mandatory, annual training.

### MTIs

The Air Force Military Training Instructor Recruiting Team will visit D-M Thursday at 9 a.m. in the conference room of Building 2300 to brief all aspects of MTI duty. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend. Senior airmen who commit to a second term through technical sergeant with less than 17 years total active service are eligible to apply.

### Car care

The car care center and class six are extending their hours until March 8.

The new hours for the car care center are Mondays through Fridays, 6 a.m. to midnight; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The new hours for the shoppette are Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 6 a.m. to midnight; Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to midnight; and Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to midnight.

### Firing range

The small arms firing range complex is located at the far east end of Yuma Road on Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, 6.5 miles from the base proper. The borders of the range's impact area are marked with danger signs extending directly south and north of the range, all the way to Irvington Road. This area is extremely dangerous due to the fact that live rounds of various types of ammunition are constantly being fired during the week and weekends, both day and night. Trespassing into this area is not only dangerous, but also illegal. The unauthorized use of the small arms firing range is illegal. Any unauthorized personnel using the firing ranges will be subject to punitive action. In case of emergency, or if entry into this area is required, please call 228-8377 or 228-8453. After duty hours, call the security forces control center at 228-2300 or 228-3200.

### Munitions storage area

The 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight will conduct its 100-percent semi-annual inventory March 3 to 31. During this period custody account support will be limited. All munitions transactions will require an emergency issue letter. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Kenny Ketcham at 228-8911.



# Heritage

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ACC Demonstration team aircraft throughout the United States and Canada from March through November.

The following are the aircraft that are scheduled to fly at the Heritage Conference.

## P-51D Mustang

The P-51D, nicknamed the "Mustang," was designed in 1940 at Britain's request. The Army Air Force's purchase of Mustangs began in 1941.

In 1942, tests using the British Rolls-Royce "Merlin" engine revealed much improved speed and service ceiling and these aircraft entered combat over Europe. The span of the Mustang is 37 feet and the height is 13 feet, eight inches. While cruising speed is 275 miles per hour, its maximum speed is 437 miles per hour. Cost of the P-51D aircraft is \$54,000.

## F-86D

The F-86D, nicknamed the "Dog Sabre," made its first flight Dec. 22, 1949. It was developed as an all-weather interceptor version of the famed F-86A, the airplane that won supremacy of the skies from the MiG-15 during the Korean War. The F-86D was used during the 1950s to guard against possible air attack.

The F-86D was known for two

historic firsts. It was the first Air Force aircraft to have all rocket armament, and the first all-weather interceptor to carry only one person for operating the radar fire control system as well as piloting the aircraft. It also had the distinction of succeeding itself in setting a new world's speed record of 698.505 miles per hour in November of 1952 and 715.697 miles per hour July 16, 1953.

The span of the F-86D is 37 feet one inch and the height is 15 feet. The engine is a J-47 turbo jet that offers a maximum speed of slightly more than 715 miles per hour. The F-86D can hold 24 2.75 rockets and has a combat ceiling of 50,000 feet and a range of 800 miles.

## P-47 Thunderbolt

The P-47 Thunderbolt, sometimes known as the "Jug," was the United States Army Air Corps' best ground attack fighter of World War II. While it wasn't always successful as an escort fighter because it lacked range and experienced compressibility problems until the "D" series, its radial engine, load carrying capability and eight .50 caliber machine guns made it an ideal ground attack aircraft. Its maneuverability also made it deadly when used as a fighter as well.

The P-47D came in two variants. Earlier aircraft had a raised spine, and were known as "Razorbacks." Later variants had the spine cut down and a bubble canopy fitted. This was the configuration used

for all succeeding versions.

The maximum speed of the P-47D is 426 miles per hour. Its range, with maximum internal fuel, is 1,800 miles when it is traveling 195 miles per hour at 10,000 feet. The armament of the P-47D is eight .50 caliber machine guns as well as up to 1,500 pounds of bombs.

The dimensions of the Thunderbolt are a wingspan of 40 feet and 9.75 inches, a length of 36 feet and 1.75 inches and a height of 14 feet and 1.75 inches.

## A/OA-10 Thunderbolt II

The A/OA-10 Thunderbolt II is the first Air Force aircraft specifically designed for close air support of ground forces.

Nicknamed the "Hawg," it is a simple, effective and survivable twin-engine jet aircraft that can be used against all ground targets, including tanks and other armored vehicles.

The A-10/OA-10 has excellent maneuverability at low air speeds and altitude, and has highly accurate weapons-delivery platforms.

They are single seat fighters and use Night Vision Imaging Systems and have a large bubble canopy that provides pilots all-around vision.

The pilots are protected by titanium armor that also protects parts of the flight-control system.

The "Hawg" spans 57 feet 6 inches, is 53 feet four inches long and 14 feet eight inches in height. The cost of a "Hawg" is \$8.8 million, the A-10/OA-10 travels 420 miles per hour, has a ceiling of 45,000 feet, and can carry a 30 mm, seven-barrel Gatling gun and up to 16,000 pounds of mixed ordnance.



## F-15 Eagle

The F-15 Eagle is an all-weather, extremely maneuverable, tactical fighter designed to permit the Air Force to gain and maintain superiority in aerial combat. The Eagle's air superiority is achieved through a mixture of unprecedented maneuverability, acceleration, range, weapons and avionics. It can penetrate enemy defense, and outperform and outfight any current enemy aircraft. The F-15 has electronic systems and weaponry to detect, acquire, track and attack enemy aircraft while operating in friendly or enemy-controlled airspace.

The weapons and flight control systems are designed so one-person can safely and effectively perform air-to-air combat. The F-15's superior maneuverability and acceleration are achieved through high engine thrust-to-weight ratio and low wing loading. Low wing loading is a vital factor in maneuverability and, combined with the high thrust-to-weight ratio, enables the aircraft to turn tightly without losing airspeed.

With a price tag of \$29.9 million, the F-15 has a speed of 1,875 miles per hour. Its wingspan stretches 42.8 feet while it stands 18.5 feet high and 63.8 feet long. The F-15 has a ceiling of 65,000 feet and a range of 3,450 miles.

(Information in this report was compiled from local and Air Force sources.)



Courtesy photo

Pictured above are the aircraft that participated in the 2002 Heritage Conference. Featured in the 2003 conference, scheduled for March 1 and 2, are the P-51D Mustang, the F-86D Dog Sabre, P-47 Thunderbolt, the A/OA-10 Thunderbolt II and the F-15 Eagle.



# D-M airmen make Valentines for Vets

Story and photo by Capt. Chrissy Cuttita  
355th Public Affairs

Approximately 50 Davis-Monthan Air Force Base members, along with 150 members of the Tucson community, celebrated the 28th National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Program Feb. 14 at the Southern Arizona Veterans Affairs Health Care system in Tucson.

During the National Salute, the VA invited local veterans groups, military members, civic organizations, businesses, schools, media and other guests to participate in a variety of activities at the medical center. D-M personnel visited wards with valentines made by local schools simply addressed "Dear Veteran."

"Recruiting volunteers was a snap," said 2nd Lt. Myla Abejuela, 355th Services Squadron Combat Support Flight deputy. "I sent out an e-mail and the responses started pouring in. In a couple days I had more than enough volunteers, about 80 military alone."

The Tucson Society of Military Widows, located here, also helped spread smiles. It was the fourth that year women from this group participated. Lee Sawicki, SMW president, said their group is often involved with volun-



Suzanne Shafe, SMW president elect and Airman 1st Class Tonya Andrews Davis, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, give valentines to Army Chief Warrant Officer retired Walter Foster.

teer efforts at the VA but liked having D-M with them on Valentine's Day.

"It means a lot for the veterans, especially to see personnel in military uniforms," said Deborah Brookshire, VA voluntary services program manager. "It is heartwarming for them."

Brookshire said the 200 guests from the Tucson area showed appreciation for the sacrifices and service the veterans gave to America. D-M has provided the maximum allowable number of participants every year according to Brookshire.

In the extended care and geriatric care center patients like Retired Capt. Victor Brunelli

stay as long as nine months. Brunelli appreciated his visitors and said he didn't know the Air Force would be a career but it was the best thing for him, especially going to Officer Candidate School after several years of enlistment.

"I wanted to go with the troops to Korea and Vietnam," said Brunelli. "I tried three times to become a navigator bombardier and they haven't heard the last of me yet."

It is that sense of pride in service that veteran patients gave D-M members. Airman 1st Class Anita Nelson, 612th Combat Operation Squadron track data technician, enjoyed hearing their war stories and humor of inter-service rivalry. Nelson had many memories share from the three visits she made to the hospital to include talking to an Army veteran who thought he died and saw angels during the war.

Retired Army Chief Warrant Officer Walter Foster shared his Valentine's Day cards with D-M visitors.

"This is wonderful," said Foster about the Valentine's Day visit from D-M. "I wasn't expecting this."

Throughout the U.S. people salute veterans the week of Feb. 14 each year for the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans. The purpose of the event is to pay tribute to hospitalized veterans; increase community awareness of the role of the VA medical center; encourage citizens to visit hospitalized veterans and to become involved as volunteers.



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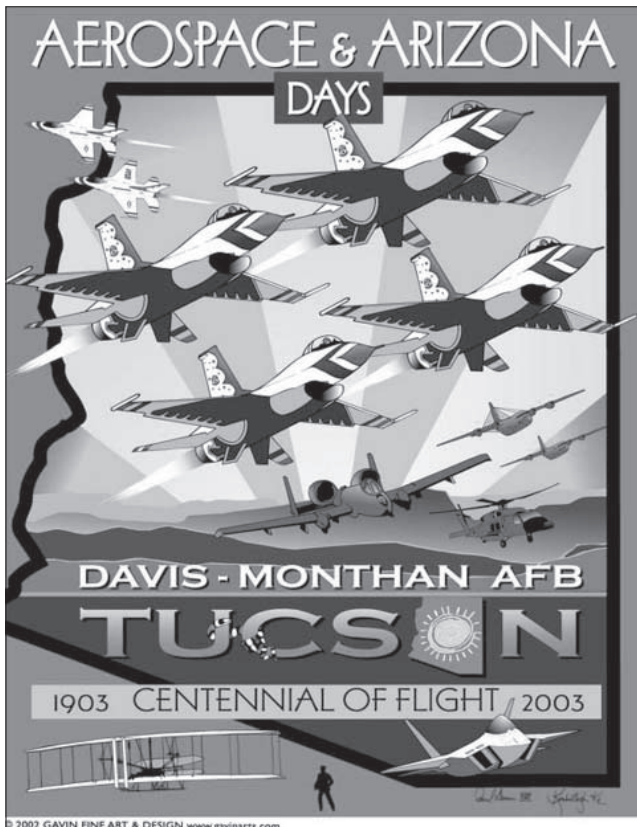
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# Aerospace, Arizona Days 2003 coming to D-M



Posters for Aerospace & Arizona Days 2003 will be available for purchase for \$5 at the airshow, scheduled for March 29 and 30. Various other booths and vendors will sell memorabilia and food items as well during the event.

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base officials expect thousands of eyes to look to the Tucson skies March 29 and 30 for Aerospace & Arizona Days 2003.

The show is centered on the theme of "Centennial of Flight." It will focus not only on the significant progress made possible due to aviation in the past 100 years, but also on the partnership Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and its members have had with the Tucson community for the last 75 years.

The two-day airshow will feature numerous military and civilian aerial demonstrations and one of the largest displays of static aircraft from across the United States.

"This is the community event of the year, and our only opportunity to celebrate the milestone of 100 years of flight," said Maj. Jill Long, A & A days director.

This year's feature demonstration will be the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. Several demonstration aircraft from the Air Force, Navy, Army and Marines are also expected to take part in A & A days.

A special feature commemorating milestones of the centennial of flight will include a re-enactment of the attack on Pearl Harbor and Vietnam Era Combat Search and Rescue Demonstration.

Admission to A & A Days 2003 is free for everyone. Refreshments and souvenir items will be available for a nominal fee.

Due to limited parking on-base and excessive walking distance from the parking area to the entrance, attendees are highly encouraged to utilize Sun Tran service direct to the airshow entrance.

Sun Tran will provide shuttle service on Davis-Monthan to Aerospace & Arizona Days 2003 Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and March 30.

Buses are allowed exclusive entry to the base on Wilmot Road and will carry passengers direct to the flight line.

Backpacks, large purses, duffle bags, camel backs, coolers, bicycles, chairs, pets and weapons are not allowed in the airshow.

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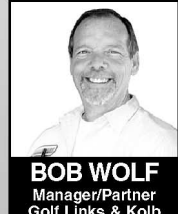
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# Winant bids farewell to the crew of the good ship ... Columbia

By Donald McKay Winant  
355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

In the high desert of Southern California, called the Mojave, lies an ancient dry lakebed formed 2.5 million years ago during the Pleistocene Era. Rogers Dry Lakebed, for more than a half a century, has served as the cornerstone for aviation history: birth of the first supersonic jet flight by Chuck Yeager in 1947; and home of Edwards Air Force Base, the Air Force Flight Test Center and the NASA Dryden Flight

Test Center. Literally miles from nowhere, Edwards' geographical isolation is ideal for hazardous first flights, with unlimited blue skies above and 60 miles of runway crisscrossing the dry lake for emergency egress.

The area was designated Edwards Air Force Base in 1948 in honor of test pilot, Capt. Glen Edwards, who lost his life in the crash of the first flying wing, the YB-49.

During the golden era of jet flight many pilots sacrificed their lives in the quest to fly

higher and faster than the men before them. Just a couple miles northwest of the base hospital lies the remains of aviatrix, Pancho Barnes' Happy Bottom Riding Club, a bar, and some say a bordello, catering to the likes of Yeager, Jack Ridley, Scott Crossfield, Jimmy Doolittle and Hap Arnold. The last place a pilot wanted his picture framed was above the bar where dead test pilots were immortalized.

As an active-duty aerospace physiologist attached to the Physiological Support Division,

Air Force Space Command Hospital at Edwards from 1989 to 1992, I was blessed to witness aviation history in the making. While jogging in the desert with future NASA astronaut and shuttle pilot, Bill Gregory, Bill and I witnessed the first flight of the B-2 Bomber, the technological offspring of the YB-49 Flying Wing in which Capt. Glen Edwards lost his life so many years ago.

My tour at Edwards also allowed me to participate in the return of the NASA space shuttle fleet (since the Challenger accident) to space. As a member of the Space Shuttle Medical Recovery Team, I served with

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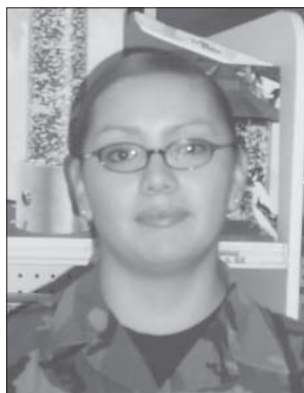
## Final Answer

## What is your favorite animal and why?



**Lisa Gustafson**  
12th Air Force

*"My husband, because he is so good to me."*



**Airman 1st Class Aleta Cutgrass**  
355th Operation Support Squadron

*"Monkeys, because they are so active and swing from trees."*



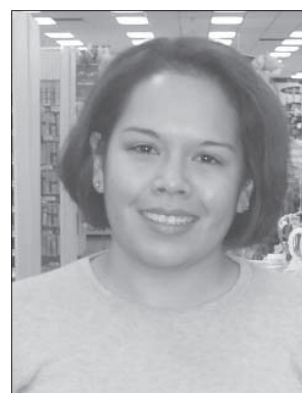
**Senior Airman Megan Libby**  
41st Electronic Combat Squadron

*"Tigers, because they are so big and furry and cuddly looking."*



**Senior Airman Zenobia Humphrey**  
355th Component Maintenance Squadron

*"A panther is my favorite, because it's strong, beautiful and mysterious."*



**Navy Lt. j.g. Kim Cota-Robles**

*"Elephants, because they're one of the most maternal animals and my daughter likes them also."*



**Cindy Lopez**  
Wife of Master Sgt. Timothy Lopez

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# Farewell

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then Maj. Carl Alley—now Col. Alley, 355th Medical Group commander here. Our responsibility was to support NASA's recovery of the shuttle and its crew. At the time, the shuttle fleet (Columbia, Endeavor, Atlantis and Discovery) was landing almost exclusively at Edwards until such a time when the technology moved forward for safe landings at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

A vast, dry lakebed was too good an offer for shuttle pilots to refuse in terms of initiating emergency landings. Alley and I, as well as a couple dozen other hospital personnel and hundreds of NASA recovery team members were on hand for several flights during the years that the shuttle transport system landed at Edwards. De-orbiting and approach of the shuttle was a sight to behold. Day or night the recovery team would settle down to long hours on the dry lakebed waiting for the arrival of the Orbiter.

The shuttle would swoop in 40,000 feet above Edwards and our only clue that she was near was the double sonic boom before making its final approach at a seemingly impossibly steep pitch, as if the crew were riding on a snow sled or a precipitous dive in

a roller coaster. It was a spectacular display of aviation prowess and pilot skill—always a novelty, never a dull moment.

In June 1991, I had the opportunity of a lifetime to represent AFSC Hospital at Edwards as United States Air Force liaison officer for the post-flight Space Lab Life Sciences One (SLS-1) studies on the crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia (STS-40). The first shuttle mission dedicated to the effects of micro-gravity (zero-G) on human biology. My job was to host many of the scientists performing biomedical research on the Columbia crew. I felt honored to be in the mix of it all: shoulder-to-shoulder with brilliant university medical scientists, NASA astronauts and mission specialists. There were dozens of experiments carried out pre-flight, in-flight and during the post-flight phase of the Columbia mission at Edwards Air Force Base and the NASA Dryden Flight Test Center.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology research team was led by Dr. Laurence Young, who assembled a sophisticated sled track with a cockpit configuration that investigated the effects of zero-G on inner ear and eye function (the oculovestibular system) and how zero-G and return to the 1-G environment of Earth influences human balance and susceptibility to space motion sickness.

The University of California in San Diego investigational team and lead scientist, Dr. John West, studied how the lungs function under zero-G, and Dr. Gunnar Blomqvist of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas looked at how blood pressure is regulated in orbit and upon return to Earth. All of the studies, in their final analysis, hoped to better serve survivability and health of the astronauts during future shuttle missions, as well as long-term microgravity exposure during occupancy of the International Space Station.

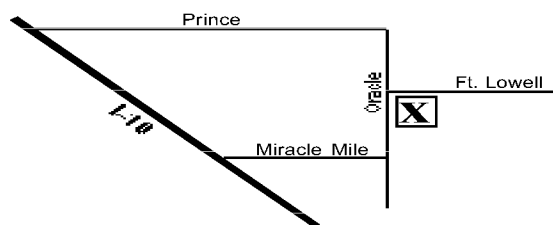
Retrospectively, looking back many years, to the Columbia mission (STS-40) of June 1991, I am saddened and somewhat melancholy about the tragedy that fell upon the crew of the space shuttle Columbia Feb. 1. She was the good ship, Columbia, but more important than the machine are the human beings who have inhabited Columbia and the other shuttle craft. I salute not the ship Columbia, but its crews, from the very first mission to its final resting place along a vast debris field—from California to Arizona, Texas and Louisiana.

And God Bless all the men and women of the United States Air Force who put their lives on the line every single day and from all regions of the world by volunteering to fly their aircraft in harms way to keep our children safe and free.

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Senior Airman Troy Hawkes

## Sonoran Spotlight



(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member (officer, enlisted or civilian) of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Desert Lightning community. Members are nominated by their unit commander or first sergeant.)

**Name:** Airman 1st Class Shakina Wright  
**Organization:** 355th Security Forces Squadron  
**Duty title:** Technical language instructor  
**Hometown:** East Falmouth, Mass.  
**Years of service:** Two years and six months  
**Reason for joining the Air Force:** I joined for the educational benefits and to travel.  
**Main responsibilities:** Personnel security. I am responsible for checking and processing security clearances for all base personnel.

**Best aspects of job:** The opportunity to expand my knowledge of the security forces career field.  
**Goals:** To finish my classes for my Community College of the Air Force degree.  
**Hobbies/outside activities:** Basketball, school and volunteering  
**Favorite thing about D-M:** The weather  
**Best assignment:** So far Davis-Monthan Air Force Base has been my only assignment  
**Inspiration:** My family is my inspiration. They have been behind me 100 percent.

## Airmen aim high, make grade

Congratulations to the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base airmen who achieved a score of 90 percent or higher on their career development course exam this January.

The individuals who made the grade were: **25th Operational Weather Squadron:** Staff Sgt. John Moore and Airman 1st Class Justin Wallace; **355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron:** Airman Keumsuk Rea; **355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:** Staff Sgt. Adrian Raney; **355th Communications Squadron:** Airman Muhammad Rahman; **355th Component Maintenance Squadron:** Staff Sgt. Matthew Cramer, Senior Airman Thomas Tedesco, Senior Airman Ian Barnes, Senior Airman David Licht and Airman 1st Class Kara Sampson; **355th Contracting Squadron:** Staff Sgt. Noah Branscom; **355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron:** Staff Sgt. Rufus Barber, Staff Sgt. Lucas Wetherelt and Staff Sgt. Roseann Ynesta; **355th Logistics Readiness Squadron:** Airman 1st Class Joseph Jacks; and **755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:** Airman 1st Class Alexander Rosales. (Courtesy 355th Mission Support Squadron)

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### Medical Group

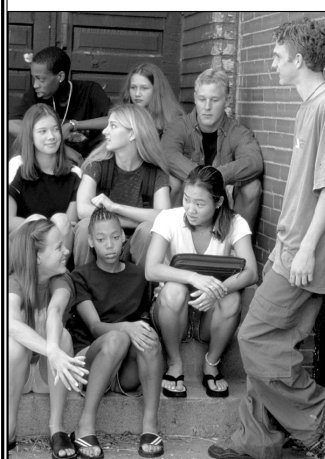
The 355th Medical Group needs

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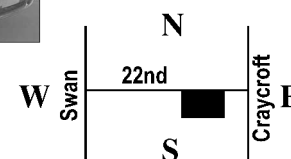
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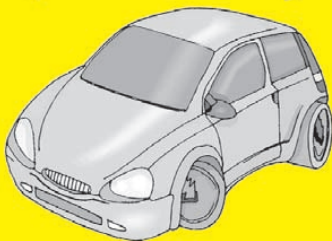
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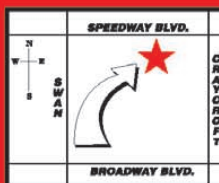
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355th Medical Operations Squadron

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**Staff Sgt. Erik Kunkle**

12th Air Force

"We really need to put air fresheners in these things."

**Staff Sgt. Craig Camacho**

355th Comptroller Squadron

"BoooOOOOORRRRiiiiinnnnnnNNNGGGG!"

**Senior Airman Thomas Cohee**

355th Operations Support Squadron

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- ◆ The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet.
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- ◆ Banging your head against a wall burns 150 calories an hour.
- ◆ A flea can jump 350 times its body length. It's like a human jumping the length of a football field.
- ◆ A catfish has over 27,000 taste buds.
- ◆ The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.
- ◆ Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people.
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## Procurement pros paramount to positive purchase process

Story and photos by  
Master Sgt. Dan Carpenter  
355th Wing Public Affairs

When it comes to goods and services, today's Air Force relies on a careful balance and coordination with a vital function in the acquisition process – the contracting office.

For people at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, that means the 355th Contracting Squadron, currently under the leadership of Lt. Col. Mark Hobson.

"Contracting is here to help," said Rhonda Chavez, chief of the base acquisition flight. "We will assist your organization to conduct market research to determine if commercial items are available to meet the government's need. It is important to get contracting involved from the start to ensure proper contractual procedures are being followed."

According to Chavez, in many cases, the customer will deal directly with a contractor they know. They have the contractor look at the site to determine the requirement, they attach the contractor's quote to the purchase request, and, submit the paperwork to contracting for action. "Most customers think the contract will be awarded to the contrac-



Master Sgt. Terry Hopkins, 355th Services Squadron, reviews features of a treadmill in the new Fitness Center with Staff Sgt. Cesar Suarez, 355th Contracting Squadron. Suarez worked closely with the Fitness Center staff to procure more than \$500,000 worth of exercise equipment for the new center.

tor they found, that is not always the case," she added.

In the acquisition arena, Chavez is assisted and supported by a complete staff of contracting professionals, including officers, enlisted and other civilians.

"In accordance with contracting federal regulations, certain steps must be taken depending on the dollar value of the acquisition," said 1st Lt. Claude Griffiths, contracting officer.

Some requirements that must be adhered to are:

The contractor must be registered in the Central Contractor Registration database. If they are not and do not want to register, they cannot receive a government contract.

Required sources of supply for commodity items and services must be checked. "Once we have determined that those sources of supply cannot meet our needs and/or we receive a waiver, then, we proceed to the commercial market," added Griffiths.

There are regulations regarding small business set-asides that also must be followed. "Acquisitions between \$2,500 and \$100,000 are automatically reserved exclusively for small business concerns, unless the contracting officer determines that there is not a reasonable expectation of obtaining offers from two or more small businesses," said Chavez.

Any requirement more than \$25,000 must be posted on the government website to advertise to any interested contractor to provide a quote. Any requirement more than \$2,500 requires competition from at least three small business sources.

"We also have regulations governing sole source requirements," added Griffiths. "A

true sole source requirement means that there are no other contractors that can provide the item or service. This is very rare, however, we see a lot of requirements from customers stating it's a sole source."

If contracting is notified as soon as the customer knows of a requirement, there are numerous ways of performing market research to determine if there are any other contractors that can meet the requirements. They can also gather information about their business size and CCR information at this time.

Chavez added that furniture requirements continue to be very stressful for all involved.

"If you are using your government purchase card for furniture," she said, "you must get a waiver from UNICOR before even contacting any Government Services Administration vendors for pricing.

"If you submit your requirement through contracting, we have the flexibility of using UNICOR as a potential source, along with other GSA vendors. To be sure furniture requirements are handled with consistency it's recommended that all furniture requirements come through contracting via an Air Force Form 9."

Ultimately, contracting's mission is to help the customer get the good or service they want, within the guidance mandated by Air Force and Department of Defense regulations.

"The goal to a successful contract is to start the process early, by involving contracting from the beginning, and, keep the flow of communication open," added Chavez.

For more information, call Chavez at 228-4180, Griffiths at 228-5478, or Dave Smith at 228-5255.



Shaaniin Hale, postal service center supervisor, talks with Senior Airman Evelyn Carter, 355th Contracting Squadron. Carter was responsible for the research and eventual awarding of the \$84,000 PSC contract to the Community Outreach Program for the Deaf.



## Sports Shorts

### Diamondbacks Game

The Colorado Rockies kick-off the spring training season against the Arizona Diamondbacks Thursday for a game that features a Military Appreciation Day theme. Pre-game ceremonies are set for 12:40 p.m., and the game begins at 1:05 p.m. Military personnel showing an active or retired ID, or appearing in uniform, will receive a half-price ticket at the Rockies Ticket Office, which is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 327-9467.

### Fitness Factoid

Could you have high blood pressure? Major factors are being overweight and under-active. High BP (hypertension) is serious, even if you feel good. Defined as a pressure greater than 140 over 90, hypertension is common as you age. But you can control or prevent it with exercise, diet and not smoking. Ask your health care provider for guidance. *(Courtesy of Fitness and Sports Center)*

### Youth center Little League tryouts

Little League tryouts will be held tomorrow on the ball field behind the Shoppette on National Street. All age groups except for 5- and 6-year-olds must attend one of these tryouts. For more information, call the youth center at 228-8484.

### Trap, skeet range

Have some fun practicing your marksmanship with the "clay birds" at the trap and skeet range. The range is open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 228-3736.

### Outdoor recreation volunteers

Outdoor recreation is looking for volunteers to help with adventure trips including rafting, hiking, fishing, backpacking and more. Volunteers will lead trips, drive vans, etc. For more information, call 228-3736.

### Three-on-three basketball

The Underage Drinking Task Force is sponsoring a three-on-three basketball tournament March 15 beginning at 8 p.m. The tournament will be held at the new fitness and sports center, and is open to all ID cardholders 18 years and older. The sign-up deadline is March 13. For more information, call John Lane at 228-3704.

### New classes

There is a circuit training class on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center involving cardio aerobics, hand weights, jump ropes and more.



Tech. Sgt. Marlin Zimmerman

Richard Aragon, 25th Operational Weather Squadron, holds his ground defending the home goal as a member of the 362nd Recruiting Squadron attempts to dribble around. The teams battled it out on the basketball court at the new fitness and sports center during the intramural basketball playoffs Feb. 14. The 25th OWS advanced to the next round with their 54-51 win over the 362nd RCS. See the Feb. 28 edition of the Desert Airman for the final outcome of the basketball championship.

There is also a new aerobics class offered on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. at the new fitness center. This class involves high- and low-intensity aerobics.

### 12th Air Force OPY golf tournament

The Blanchard Golf Course hosts the 12th Air Force Outstanding Professional of the Year Golf Tournament Feb. 28. The tourney is limited to 36, four-person teams. Registration starts at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start at 11 a.m. Cost is \$35 and includes a riding cart and door prizes. There will be a hole-in-one prize on every par three. For more information, call Rick Tindall at 228-4584.

### Baseball opening ceremonies

Baseball opening ceremonies at the youth center will be April 12 at 9 a.m. A game will also be played to go along with the festivities. Volunteers will be needed to make this event a success. Contact the youth center if you would like to help in this event. For more information, call 228-8484.

### High-intensity interval workout

A high-intensity interval workout class meets Wednesdays at noon in the Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center. The first class is free and \$2 a class thereafter. For more information, call 228-0021.



## Scoreboard

### Basketball

Monday/Wednesday  
(Standings current as of Feb. 18)

Team	W-L
25th OWS	7-2
LRS #2	7-2
755th AMXS #2	7-2
357th FS	6-3
362nd Rec	4-5
Army Rec	4-5
354th FS	4-5
162nd ANG FS	3-6
55th RQS	2-6
358th AMU	1-9

#### Over 30

(Standings current as of Feb. 18)

Team	W-L
LRS	11-1
755th AMXS	11-1
EMS	8-4
12th AF	8-4
MOS	8-4
25th OWS	7-5
Medics	6-6
CMS	6-6
CES	4-8
MSS	4-8
755th OSS	2-9

COMM  
SFS

1-10  
1-11

### Tuesday/Thursday

(Standings current as of Feb. 18)

Team	W-L
SFS	9-0
SVS	7-2
LRS #1	7-2
CES	7-2
CMS	5-4
Medics	4-5
12th AF	3-6
EMS	2-7
MSS	1-8
COMM	0-9

### Bowling

#### OWC

(Week 18)

Team	W-L
Bag Ladies	89-55
Forget About It	87-57
Shoulda Been	81-63
Alley Cats	80-64
M*S*P*	78-66
Raspberries	75-69
Pin Heads	68-76
High Game (Women): Karen Liptak, 237	

High Series (Women): Karen Liptak, 668

500

### Phantom Mixed

(Week 18)

Team	W-L
So So's	91-53
The Cajuns	85-59
Sangre Caliente	84-60
Alley Ooops	82-62
Gutter Busters	82-62
Rat Pack	74-70
Hit or Miss	64-80

### Tuesday Early Risers

(Week 22)

Team	W-L
Hit and Miss	112-64
Sunflower Gals	111-65
Bad Beavers	103-73
Monarchs	102-74
Dream Catchers	99-77
Aggravation	91-85
Alley Kats	86-90
Wee Bee Bad	84-92
Alley Angels	66-110
High Game (Team): Sunflower Gals, 505	
High Game (Women): Phyllis Puett, 202	
High Series (Team): Hit and Miss, 1389	
High Series (Women): Ann Lawson,	

### CE Mixed Trio

(Week of Feb. 6)

Team	W-L
Good, Bad & Ugly	15.5-4.5
Cruisers	18-8
Just-4-Fun	11-9
BJ's Buns	10.5-9.5
Brew Crew	10-10
Powerball	8.5-11.5
The Cans	7-13
Sigma Five	5.5-14.5

### Intramural

(Week 22)

Team	W-L
12 AF #1	110-66
CPTS/MSSQ	109-67
755th OSS	108-68
EMS/AMMO	100-76
AMARC Woodmill	96-80
AMARC #1	96-80
SVS #1	94-82
CRS	88-88
SVS #2	87-89
43rd	86-90
25th OWS "Cats"	82-94
12th AF #2	70-106
MDG	54-122

COMM 52-124  
High Game (Team): EMS/AMMO, 1055  
High Game (Men): Bill Simonar, 279  
High Game (Women): Chach Jackson, 194  
High Series (Team): EMS/AMMO, 3103  
High Series (Men): Bill Simonar, 710  
High Series (Women): Chach Jackson, 531

### DMAFB Juniors/Majors

(Week 22)

Team	W-L
Hit'Em Up Boyz	54-34
Fireballs	51.5-36.5
Brunswick Bruins	49-39
One Pin Too Short	47-41
Desert Strikers	46-42
The Roadrunners	40.5-47.5
There's Been A Mistake	40-48
Vacant Team	24-60

### Thursday Night

(Week 21)

Team	W-L
PBJ's	100-68
PC's	98-70
Four Seas	98-70
May Bees	96-72
Shaka	95-73
Man On	95-73
Mission Impossible	90-78
No Fear	89-79
Hot Chili Peppers	77-91
Caps & Cars	72-96
FUBAR	72-96

Mickey's Mavericks 70-98  
Strikes & Spares 67-101  
Ice Breakers 57-111  
High Game (Team): PCs, 766  
High Game (Men): Floyd Vaughan, 268  
High Game (Women): Fran Baird, 193  
High Series (Team): Four Seas, 2209  
High Series (Men): John Cook, 702  
High Series (Women): Arlene Cook, 502

### DMAFB Pee Wee

(Week 20)

Team	W-L
Pee Wee #2	27-28
Pee Wee #1	24-27
High Game (Boy): Devyn, 101	
High Game (Girl): Zupancich, 100	
High Series (Boy): Cam, 188	
High Series (Girl): Molli, 189	

### DMAFB Bantams

(Week 20)

Team	W-L
X-Bowls	51.5-28.5
Tigers of Terror	51-29
The Good Team	30-50
Tuxedos	27.5-52.5

### DMAFB Preps

(Week 22)

Team	W-L
3 Rightys and a Lefty	47.5-40.5
Strikers Five	46-42
Pin Busters	43.5-44.5
Double Trouble	39-45

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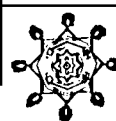
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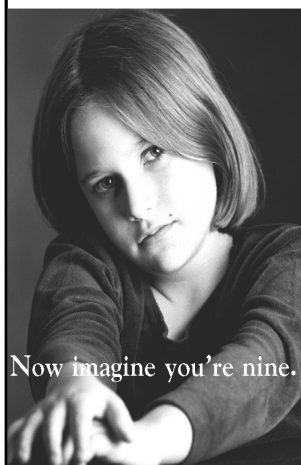
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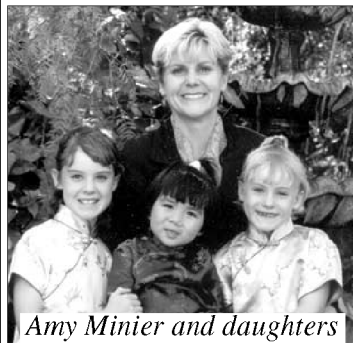
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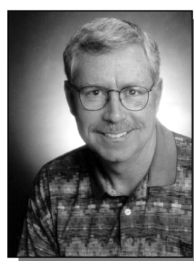
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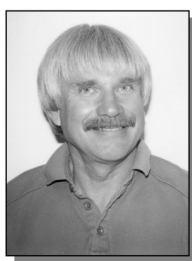
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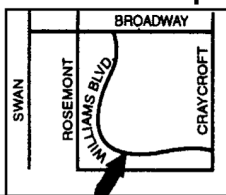
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### Catholic Mass schedule

**Saturday:** Mass is at 5 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m.

**Sunday:** Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m.

**Daily:** Catholic Mass and Communion is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m.

### Protestant Services schedule

**Sunday:** Contemporary Service is at 8:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel.

## Education Services

### Troops to Teachers briefing

There is a briefing March 14 at 10 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 243 for those interested in becoming Teachers through the Troops to Teachers program. For more information, call Phil King at 228-4249.

### University of Arizona

The academic advisor from the University of Arizona is at D-M the first Monday of each month in Building 3200. The next scheduled date is March 3 at 1 p.m. For appointments, walk-in or call Judy Seger at 628-8201.

### University of Phoenix

The academic advisor from the University of Phoenix is at D-M the second and last Tuesday of each month in Building 3200. The next scheduled date is March 25 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 264. For appointments, or walk-in call Liz Cummins at 881-6512, ext. 154.

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## Family Support Center

### Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome newcomers to D-M and the

Tucson area. Base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services Tuesday and March 11 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the officers club. Free childcare is available. For more information, call 228-5690.

### VA Claims Assistance Briefing

A Veteran Affairs representative provides group appointments concerning Veteran disability benefits Monday at 9 a.m., noon or 2 pm. To sign up, call 228-5690.

### Give Parents A Break

There is a Give Parents a Break Program Saturday from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. The program offers free childcare to active-duty Air Force parents who need a parenting break for a few hours. For more information, or a referral, call 228-5690.

### Air Force Aid Educational Grant

Applications are now available at the family support center for the \$1,500 Henry H. Arnold Education Grant. The grant is for full-time college students who are spouses or dependents of Air Force active-duty members, Title 10 active guard or reserve, full-time Title 32 AGR and surviving spouses of members who died on active duty or in retired status. The deadline is March 14. For more information, call 228-5690.

## Happenings

### D-M Technology Exposition

All personnel are invited to attend the free Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Technology Expo, hosted by the 355th Communications Squadron, Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the officers club. More than 25 exhibitors will be on-hand demonstrating the latest computer hardware, software and services. Complimentary refreshments and free giveaways will be available while supplies last. For more information, e-mail Anne Slobodien at [slobodien@ncsievents.com](mailto:slobodien@ncsievents.com).

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### Thrift shop

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### Speaker's bureau

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The PA speaker's bureau is a way to help make the Air Force a vital part of the local community by speaking to local audiences such as schools, churches, veteran groups and professional associations. Speakers can talk about almost any unclassified subject including hobbies the Air Force experience or the base mission. For further guidance and information on this program, call Capt. Chrissy Cuttita at 228-4570.

### Women's History Month

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### Saturday; 2 p.m.: The Wild Thornberrys

**(PG)** Twelve year-old Eliza meets a shaman who grants her the power to talk to animals. But if she reveals her gift, she will lose it forever. One day, Eliza discovers that poachers plan to kill an elephant herd and she must stop them. 1 hour, 26 minutes



### Saturday; 7 p.m.: The Two Towers

**(PG-13)** The second part in the Lord of the Rings adventure, Frodo and Sam brave terrible dangers in an attempt to destroy the one-ring, while Aragorn, Legolas and their allies strive to rescue Pippin and Merry. Gandalf also makes his miraculous return to aid in the struggle against Saruman and Sauron.  
2 hours, 59 minutes



### Sunday; 7 p.m.: National Security

**(PG-13)** Martin Lawrence plays a police cadet who would have made a great cop if it weren't for his rebellious behavior. When he gets kicked out of the police academy, he finds employment as a security guard where he discovers a smuggling operation with a possible police cover-up.  
1 hour, 31 minutes





Services Activities

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Visit historic Ft. Bowie, Ariz., and see the site of the conflict between the Apaches and the U.S. Military. Access to the fort is by a 1.5 mile moderately strenuous trail. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy hiking boots, bring lunch, plenty to drink and don't forget the camera. Sign up at outdoor recreation no later than 3 p.m. today. Trip departs Saturday at 7:30 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m. Cost is \$15. For more information, call 228-3736.

**Tourney Night**  
The youth center will host special preteen and teen tournaments Saturday. The events kick off with air hockey at 5:45 p.m., preteen pool at 6:45 p.m and teen pool at 7:30 p.m. The evening will conclude at 8 p.m. with a teen ping pong tournament. For more information, call 228-8484.

**Give parents A Break**  
The youth center and child development center co-host another Give Parents A Break program Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. To sign up, call 228-4933 or 228-8484.

**Feed the homeless**  
The community service staff at the youth center sponsor another feed the homeless volunteer event Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. To volunteer, call 228-8484.

**Under 21 club specials**  
The clubs offer specials for members who are younger than 21 years. Davis-Monthan club members younger than 21 get all non-alcoholic beverages half price. Those that maintain their D-M "Z" membership will get credit towards their 21st birthday party at the club. Club credit amounts are as follows: three months equals \$75, six months equals \$150 and one year or longer equals \$300. For more information, call 228-3301

**Vehicle and RV Storage**  
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must be operational, insured and registered. For more information, call 228-3736.

**Universal Studios**  
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**Retiree invite**  
Retirees and their families are invited for meals at the Desert Inn Dining Facility Saturdays and federal holidays. For more information, call 228-5501.

**Club dining Sundays**  
Have all of your favorite dishes for brunch Sunday at the officers club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 228-3301.

**Cabanas Pizza**  
Cabanas, located at the enlisted club, is open Mondays 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesdays through Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays 1 to 10 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 8 p.m. Order from a selection of pizza, subs and more. For more information, call 747-3234.

**Community center Bingo**  
The community center invites every one to come out and enjoy Bingo games Tuesdays. Doors open at 5 p.m., early bird games start at 6:30 p.m. There are lots of great Bingo games, cash prizes and Jackpots from \$50 to \$1,000. Stormy's Cafe will be open and serving a variety of sandwiches, snacks, pizza and a wide selection of beverages. You must be 18 to play. Youth 15 years or younger are not allowed in the facility without a guardian.

**Shrimp Feast**  
The officers club has a shrimp feast dinner Wednesday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. All club dining is open to all ranks. For more information, call 228-3301.

Recreation Services

**Arts and Crafts Center**.....228-4385  
*Tues., Wed. and Fri. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thurs. noon to 7 p.m.; Sat. noon to 4 p.m.*  
**Auto Skills Center**.....228-3614  
*Tues. - Fri. 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. noon to 5 p.m.*  
**Blanchard Golf Course**.....228-3734  
*Daily, sunrise to sunset*  
**Bowling Center**.....228-3461  
*Mon. - Thurs., 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; Sat. noon to 11:30 p.m.*  
**Cabana Pizza**.....747-3234  
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**Child Development Center**.....228-3336  
*Mon. - Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.*  
**Community Center**.....228-3717  
*Mon. - Fri. 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. 6 p.m.*  
**Desert Oasis Enlisted Club**.....228-3100  
*Call for events and hours*  
**Eagles Nest Restaurant**.....228-7066  
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**Enlisted Club Barber Shop**.....748-8710  
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**Family Child Care**.....228-2201  
*Mon. to Fri. 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*  
**Fitness and Sports Center**.....228-0022  
*Mon. - Fri. 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.*  
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**Library**.....228-4381  
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**Lodging Reservations**.....748-1500  
**Officers' Club**.....228-3301  
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**Officers Club Barber Shop**.....748-8968  
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**Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental**.....228-3736  
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**Stormy's Cyber Cafe**.....228-3717  
*Mon. - Fri. 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.*  
**Veterinarian**.....228-3529  
*Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. to noon, 1 to 6 p.m.*  
**Youth Center**.....228-8844  
*Mon. - Thurs. 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Sat. Noon to 8 p.m.*

What's happening at the D-M clubs

**Dinners and evening buffets at the club**  
Did you know the officers club offers a special dinner every Wednesday night? In addition to the Wednesday night special dinner, every Thursday night is two-for-one porterhouse steak night. For more information on the special dinners and evening buffets offered, or for more information on becoming a club member, visit your club or call 228-3301.

**Members First and ACC Dollar Days**  
March 5 is the first Members First Air Combat Command Dollar Days "\$1 Family Night" at the officers club from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Dollar Days is ACC's supplemental program to Air Force club's Members First program where club members will be treated to a \$1 breakfast, lunch and dinner every quarter. With Members First Program, club members receive exclusive rewards like a \$1 discount on breakfast, lunch and dinner meals with a minimum purchase of \$4 and a \$2 discount on all pro-rated functions including military functions with per plate cost of \$4. Members also receive a ten percent discount for personal catered events. ACC Dollar Days and the Air Force Members First programs are just a few ways to show that it really pays to be a member. For more information call 228-3301.



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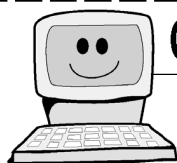
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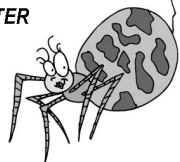
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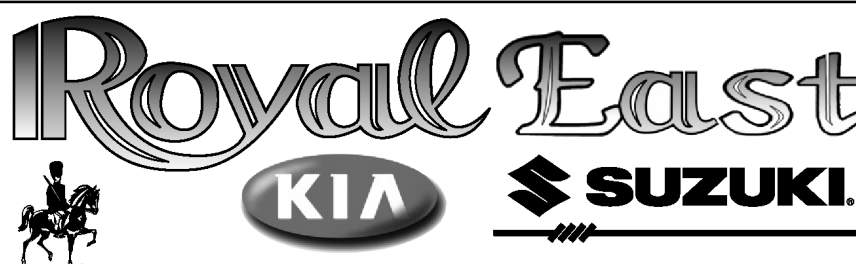
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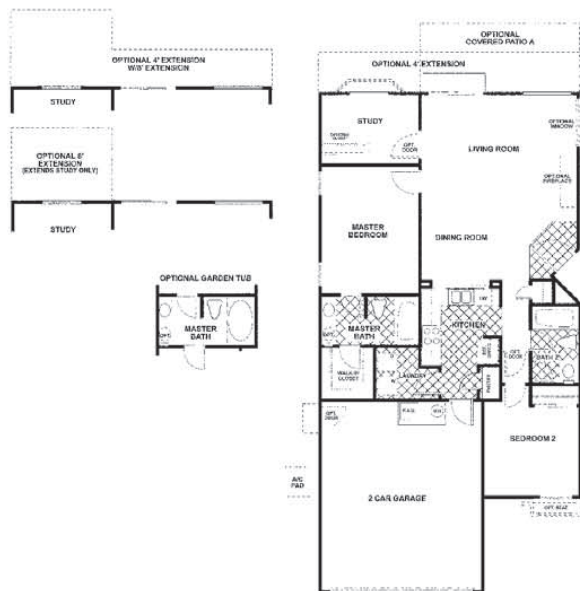
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2-4 Bedroom Homes, 1024-1581 Sq. Ft.

PRICED FROM **\$128,450**



PLAN SHOWN PRICED AT  
**\$131,250**

**Prickly Pear  
Plan #18**

Approximately 1145 sq. ft.  
2BD, 2BA, study,  
2 car garage

**546-8500**

## 3 JENNIFER MEADOWS

2-4 Bedroom Homes, 1024-1581 Sq. Ft.

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**\$115,450**

PLAN SHOWN  
PRICED AT

**\$123,450**

**Cholla Plan #91**

Approximately  
1297 sq. ft. 3BD, 2BA,  
nook & laundry room.

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## 4 PARAISO

2-4 Bedroom Homes, 1027-1581 Sq. Ft.

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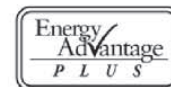
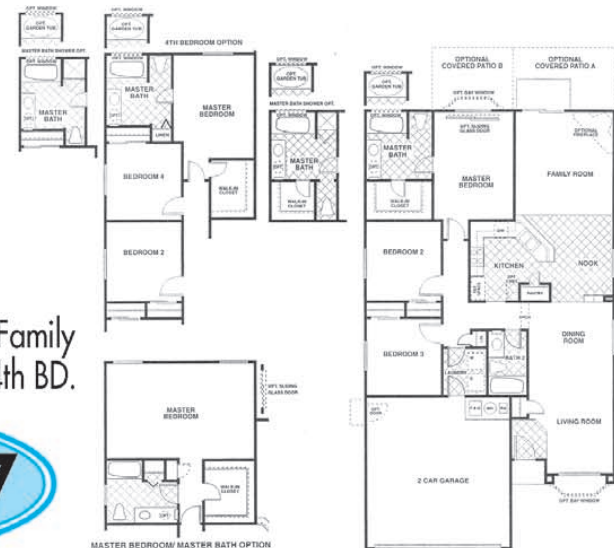
PLAN SHOWN  
PRICED AT

**\$107,950**

**Ocotillo  
Plan #92**

Approximately  
1495 sq. ft. 3BD, 2BA, Family  
Room, LR, DR, Optional 4th BD.

**807-5207**



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